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*South Vietnam: The political situation remains tense as the Buddhists continue to organize antigovernment and anti-American demonstrations in Saigon and several northern cities.

The government has declared martial law in the Hué area. Local authorities there did little to interfere with student mobs who sacked the USIS library this week end and yesterday burned the houses of two Vietnamese officials. Second Deputy Premier General Thieu and Third Deputy Premier Oanh have been sent to survey the situation in Hué and to check into measures for protecting US personnel and installations.]

Premier Huong indicates that he intends to stand firm against the Buddhists. [He reportedly advocates direct action against the five monks now on a hunger strike and "shipping them to North Vietnam" if necessary.]

At the same time, Huong remains suspicious of the military. [] the armed forces continue to believe that the Huong government will not long survive and are standing by to take over.]

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*Honduras: [There has been a sharp increase in political tension in the past week.]

[Much of the current unrest is traceable to Chief of Government Lopez' recent announcement that he would accept elevation to the presidency by a constituent assembly that is due to be elected on 16 February. The majority Liberal Party is convinced this process of selecting a president would be fraudulent and has indicated it will not cooperate with any government led by Lopez.]

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[The recent arrest of the chief of the National Investigative Corps, Honduras' security service, may also spur some sympathetic elements in the military to act against the regime.]

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